

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV. On 8th August 1997

And recite unto them the story of Noah when he said to his people 'O my people! If my station and my constantly reminding you through the Signs of Allah offend you for in Allah do I put my trust muster then your designs and your associate-gods then let not your course of action be obscure to you in carrying out against me and give me no respite'.

The Holy Quran. Yunus [Jonah]: 72.

The tale of the Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) has been mentioned in these verses. The Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) had been rejected by his people. Moreover the few people that were with this Prophet of Almighty God were rejected by the rest of the nation as of no worth and they mocked at them till the time when Almighty God addressed the Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) and told him to announce that: *O my people! Bring together all your forces, do as much as is in your power and even then you will not be able to harm me in the least and will certainly not succeed and will still be disappointed.* This declaration of the Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) was made before the completion of the Ark and before embarking in it. This announcement was made when a few weak and powerless and helpless people were with him and the nation treated them any way they wanted.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) had also been informed by Almighty God and announced the construction of an Ark for the same purpose. The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) had also addressed his enemies and told them: *Do whatever they could in opposition to me but [to] remember that you will not be able to harm a [single] hair [on my head].* The will of Allah the Almighty shall certainly come to pass and God would certainly increase me and cause me to grow and flourish so that nations would partake of my beneficence.

The time has now come for us to enter into the Ark built by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) because Almighty God has made promises about the safeguarding of this Ark. If you enter this Ark then no worldly power can harm you a whit. This is the Divine destiny which the world has no power to change and it is this destiny in view of which I had issued a *Mubahila* Challenge [Quranic prayer duel] and Almighty God granted us such grand triumphs as a result of this *Mubahila* which I had mentioned on the occasion of the Jalsa Salana UK. God willing these triumphs would also be mentioned in future. The enemy is burning in jealousy at seeing these triumphs because jealousies are always born out of the womb of success. That is why the believers have been taught to prayer ¹وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذْ حَسَدَ¹ ['And from the mischief of every envier when they envy'] so recite this prayer and come into the refuge of Almighty God. A terrific plot has been enacted against the Ahmadiyya Community in the African countries a plot that has flourished through the collaboration of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia which has taken on new colours in Kuwait. The enemy has plotted to create discord in the name of religion and for a part of Africa to be stolen and utilised as a Satellite of Pakistan so that disturbance against Ahmadiyya would spread out from it into the other African countries

¹ *The Holy Quran. Al-Falaq [The Dawn]: 6.*

I advise the Jamat to pray abundantly to be safe from envy and to come into the refuge of Allah because coming into the refuge of Allah is in fact to travel in the Ark. A believer comes into God's refuge not at a time of calamity but before the calamity. I have only mentioned Africa by way of example for in reality envy would be born wherever Ahmadiyya succeeds so remove the thought from your heart that this would not happen in the developed countries. They do not care in these countries as they see you as of no worth and weak but this is only the case until they realise that you are changing their people to your ways and then they would start getting envious.

Pakistan is in a dejected state and the fact of the matter is that this nation has fallen into the pit of destruction. There is evil and cruelty and despotism everywhere. The people have cut off their ties from the grace of Almighty God:

And if thou art in doubt concerning what We have sent down to thee ask those who have read the scripture before thee. Indeed the truth has come to thee from thy Lord so be not of those who doubt.

And be not thou of those who reject the Signs of Allah or thou shalt be of the losers.

Surely those against whom the decree of thy Lord has been issued will not believe.

Even if there come to them every Sign till they see the agonizing torment.²

The people of Prophet Noah's nation did not receive the Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) even after having seen the painful punishment and instead sought selfish excuses. I fear that the situation of the people of the nation of Prophet Noah (peace be upon him) is to be re-enacted before us.

The fact of the matter is that not a single day passes in which prayers for the Pakistani people and for the Muslims in particular do not arise from our hearts.

I also appeal to the Ahmadiyya Community to make special prayers for Pakistan. May Allah the Almighty save them from every destruction and rescue them from the bane of disgrace and place them upon the heavenly heights.

Almighty God knows that some people still abide in this country whose goodwill is buried beneath the evil of others. May God make their goodwill prevail and may the state of the country be reformed and may the people of Pakistan enter our Ark in large numbers so that the drowned are less in number. O God! May it be so.

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² *The Holy Quran*. Yunus [Jonah]: 95 - 98.